

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A speaker apparatus comprising:

a speaker unit;

a passive radiator unit;

a baffle on which said speaker unit and said passive radiator unit are directly mounted,

said baffle forming a constituent part of a speaker box; and

a back plate;

wherein said back plate forms said speaker box in combination with said baffle;

wherein said speaker unit, said passive radiator unit and said baffle form a first closed chamber;

wherein said speaker unit, said baffle and said back plate form a second closed chamber;

wherein said passive radiator unit is housed in a backside portion of said baffle;

wherein said backside portion of said baffle is provided with a reinforcement rib

disposed inside of said speaker box; and

wherein said speaker unit is disposed so that a direction of said speaker unit is opposite to a direction of said passive radiator unit, ~~or in a direction that is opposite to a direction of said passive radiator unit.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

an auxiliary baffle disposed between said baffle and said passive radiator unit, wherein said first closed chamber is formed by said speaker unit, said passive radiator unit, said baffle and said auxiliary baffle.

3. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein said passive radiator unit is mounted on a closed frame having an opening in one direction of a side of said frame.

4. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein said passive radiator unit is provided with an edge having a thick central portion covering the surface of a diaphragm and a circumference portion integrally formed together.

5. (Original) The speaker apparatus of claim 4, wherein said edge is an up roll type edge.

6. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein an area of an opening in said baffle is not less than 30 % of an effective area of a diaphragm of said speaker unit, said opening connecting a space between said speaker unit and a diaphragm of said passive radiator unit.

7. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein a corner edge of an opening connecting a space between said speaker unit and a diaphragm of said passive radiator unit in said first closed chamber is chamfered or rounded.

8. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein a semi-circular or arc-shape holder is provided integrally at a vicinity of an opening connecting a space between said speaker unit and a diaphragm of said passive radiator unit in said first closed chamber, said holder supporting a damper of said passive radiator unit.

9. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a diffuser disposed in front of said baffle, and an acoustic opening disposed in a direction perpendicular to a direction of sound radiation from said passive radiator unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein said baffle is provided with heat dissipation slits and a sealing material in a region which makes contact with a bottom plate of said speaker unit.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plate portion of said speaker unit is exposed to an outside of said speaker apparatus via an opening in said baffle.

14. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sealing panel, wherein said second closed chamber is formed by said speaker unit, said baffle, said

back plate and said sealing panel.

15-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus recited in claim 13, wherein said plate portion of said speaker unit is provided with an uneven surface.

20. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus recited in claim 13, wherein said plate portion of said speaker unit is provided with heat radiation fins.

21-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein said passive radiator unit is provided with an edge having a thick central portion covering the surface of a diaphragm and a circumference portion integrally formed together.

26. (Previously Presented) The speaker apparatus recited in claim 3, wherein said passive radiator unit is provided with an edge having a thick central portion covering the surface of a diaphragm and a circumference portion integrally formed together.

27-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A speaker apparatus comprising:

a speaker unit;

a passive radiator unit;

a baffle on which said speaker unit and said passive radiator unit are mounted, wherein said baffle is provided with an opening for exposing a plate portion of said speaker unit to an outside of said speaker apparatus; and

a back plate;

wherein said back plate forms said speaker box in combination with said baffle;

wherein said speaker unit, said passive radiator unit and said baffle form a first closed chamber;

wherein said speaker unit, said baffle and said back plate form a second closed chamber;

wherein said passive radiator unit is housed in a backside portion of said baffle;

wherein said backside portion of said baffle is provided with a reinforcement rib disposed inside of said first closed chamber; and

wherein said speaker unit is disposed so that a direction of said speaker unit is opposite to a direction of said passive radiator unit, ~~or in a direction that is opposite to a direction of said passive radiator unit.~~